



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 329

By Representatives Larry Miller, Camper, Richardson, Parkinson, Johnnie Turner, Coley, McManus, Kernell, Cooper, John DeBerry, Lois DeBerry, Hardaway, Lollar, Richardson, Todd, Towns, White, Alexander, Armstrong, Bass, Harry Brooks, Kevin Brooks, Brown, Campbell, Carr, Casada, Cobb, Curtiss, Dean, Dennis, Dunn, Elam, Eldridge, Evans, Faison, Favors, Fitzhugh, Floyd, Ford, Forgety, Gilmore, Gotto, Halford, Hall, Harmon, Harrison, Haynes, Hensley, Hill, Hurley, Curtis Johnson, Phillip Johnson, Jones, Keisling, Lundberg, Maggart, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McCormick, McDaniel, McDonald, Don Miller, Montgomery, Moore, Naifeh, Niceley, Odom, Pitts, Powers, Pruitt, Ramsey, Rich, Roach, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton, Shaw, Shepard, Shipley, Sontany, Sparks, Stewart, Swann, Tidwell, Tindell, Mike Turner, Watson, Weaver, Kent Williams, Ryan Williams, Windle, Wirgau, Womick and Madam Speaker Harwell

and

Senators Ford, Kelsey, Kyle, Marrero, Tate, Barnes, Beavers, Bell, Berke, Burks, Campfield, Crowe, Faulk, Finney, Gresham, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Johnson, Ketrn, McNally, Overbey, Roberts, Southerland, Stewart, Summerville, Tracy, Watson, Woodson, Yager and Mr. Speaker Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Booker T. Washington High School upon being named a Race to the Top High School Commencement Challenge Finalist.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those high schools that, through their unflagging commitment to excellence, seek to create and maintain an educational environment in which the students of this State can thrive; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary high school is Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis, who was recently named a finalist in the Race to the Top High School Commencement Challenge; and

WHEREAS, the winning high school of the Race to the Top High School Commencement Challenge will enjoy the prestigious honor of having President Barack Obama as their commencement speaker for their graduation; and

WHEREAS, one of six finalists selected, Booker T. Washington High School now must compete against the other finalists in a public, on-line voting round of the contest as individual voters view student-produced videos and short essays about their school; and

WHEREAS, as the only Tennessee school selected as a finalist, we urge all Tennesseans to vote and show their support for Booker T. Washington High School at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/commencement#vote-top>; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the voting round, the three schools with the best ratings will be sent to President Obama, who will make the final choice; and

WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington High School's mission is for all students to become equipped with the intellectual, technological and social skills that will allow them to exceed the expectations of State and National standards; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, staff, and administration have devoted countless hours and utilized their invaluable talents in an effort to make Booker T. Washington High School a beacon of excellence in the educational community of Tennessee; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Booker T. Washington High School upon being named a Race to the Top High School Commencement Challenge finalist and wish the

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students, faculty, staff, and administration of Booker T. Washington High School every continued success in achieving excellence in education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: APRIL 28, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR